

On page 5, line 27, insert --is-- after "also".

On page 5, after line 32, insert the following paragraph:

Although the present invention has been described with reference to specific embodiments, those of skill in the art will recognize that changes may be made thereto without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as set forth in the hereafter appended claims.

On page 10 (last page), cancel lines 1-12 and substitute the following therefor:

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A node, which supports enhanced link sets, which includes two signaling point codes such that one of the signaling point codes is used to identify functions and MTP users which can make full use of a longer and unsegmented message length (i.e., in excess of 255 octets) which heretofore had to be segmented before being delivered to link sets supporting only messages according to Q.703.

In the Claims:

On page 9, cancel line 1 and substitute therefor:

--I Claim As My Invention--

Please cancel claims 1-6, without prejudice, and substitute the following claims therefor:

7. A node, which supports enhanced links, having the ability to transfer longer messages than according to current MTP level 2, the node comprising first and second signaling point codes, wherein the second point code is used to identify functions and MTP users which can make full use of the longer message length, and both the first and second point codes are part of a same MTP network.

8. A node as claimed in claim 7, further comprising MTP routing tables supporting the enhanced links, wherein the routing tables are